

CLAIMS

- 5 1 – A method for increasing the capacity of signal transmission systems comprising N_T users, a single-piece receiver receiving the mixture of signals originating from the N_T users, characterized in that it includes at least the following steps :
- 10 a) determining a qualitative information $\text{Info}(Q_s)$ of the symbols estimated for each of the N_T users,
- b) transmitting this information $\text{Info}(Q_s)$ to a processing block receiving an a priori information and designed to generate a quality information, $\text{Info}(Q_{bs})$, on the bits forming the symbols,
- c) transmitting the $\text{Info}(Q_{bs})$ to a decoding step to obtain a qualitative
15 information on the encoded bits and $\text{Info}(Q_{bu})$ on the useful bits.
- 2 – The method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the step a) is performed using an MAP (Maximum a Posteriori) detector.
- 20 3 – The method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the steps a) to c) are repeated until the qualitative information is fairly constant.
- 4 – The use of the method as claimed in one of the preceding claims, for transmitters using one of the following modulation schemes :
25 BPSK, QPSK, OFDM.